

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for accessing at least one image file transferred from a digital camera to a host computer by producing icons representative of portions of each image file, the at least one image file having a digital image and at least one audio data segment, the method comprising the steps of:
 - ✓ (a) storing the at least one image file in a memory in the digital camera;
 - ✓ (b) coupling the memory to the host computer so that the host computer identifies the at least one image file, recognizing the presence of the digital image and the at least one audio data segment in the memory;
 - (c) producing at least two icons which are provided on a display associated with the host computer and which respectively represent the digital image and the at least one audio data segment;
 - ✓ (d) selectively accessing the digital image icon or the at least one audio data segment icon to cause the transfer of the digital image or the at least one audio data segment from the memory to the host computer for access by a user. ✓
2. The method of claim 1 wherein the memory is a removable memory card.
3. The method of claim 1 wherein the memory is a PCMCIA card.
4. The method of claim 1 wherein step (c) includes using software in the host computer to identify predetermined icons which are displayed in association with the digital image and the at least one audio data segment.

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5. The method of claim 1 wherein step (d) includes accessing the selected icons to provide a video image of the digital image or the audio sound of the audio data segment, individually or in combination.

6. The method of claim 1 wherein the host computer includes a hard drive memory for storing the transferred digital image or the at least one transferred audio data segment, and wherein the host computer identifies the digital camera memory as though it were a file system of an additional hard drive memory for accessing the image files.

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